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#### Flag for Every School

THERE is good sense and real patriotism in the measure, introduced by Delegate Jones, of this city, and which passed the House of belegates vesterday, providing means by which the Stars and Stripes may be raised over every public school in Virginia. The flag is to fly during school hours on each school day of the year, weather conditions permitting. It is well that the youth of Virginia shall have before their eyes the flag of their country. They may have to defend it, and they should learn early in life to love and

If there is any such officer in Mexico as superintendent of burial permits, he must be working overtime.

#### Real Experts on the Stand

UNQUALIFIED indorsement of Secretary Garrison's plan for the creation of a continental army now having been given by Major-General Scott and Major-General Bliss. respectively, chief and assistant chief of the general staff, those of us who have failed to be impressed by Colonel Roosevelt's declaration that the plan was "foolish" and "criminally inadequate" will feel strengthened in our early conviction.

We stand at least with the two men presumably best qualified to judge—the leading experts on military affairs in the service of the government. Without undue optimism or overwhelming credulity, they may be presumed to know whereof they speak

Without stopping to look up a yearbook does anybody who is not a politician know in which administration Charles Warren Fairbanks was Vice-President

### Southern Folklore

JUST a few days ago Professor Lomax, of the University of Texas, lectured here on the cowboy ballads of the Southwest. His lecture was a charming account of a manner of life which is now passing, and the selections he read were from those songs which have been sung in the cattle country for decades, and which may soon be forgotten.

In like manner, Professor C. Alphonso Smith, of the University of Virginia, has put American literature in his debt by making a collection of the old English ballads still sometimes sung in the South, together with the quaint negro songs and hymns, once so well known, but now failing into disuse, Folklore is sometimes a perishable thing, and is especially likely to be so in our busy country. The work done by Professor Smith was one of preservation; if he had not taken the initiative in the matter and given generously of his time, it is likely that many ballads and songs would have been utterly lost to

If women are to be employed in New York to superintend the cleaning of the streets, a lot of men may decide to stay at home on the days the ladies get busy, and thus reverse the old custom

## State Fair and City

O UR correspondent, who complains in another column of the remission to the Virginia State Eair Association of the rent due the city for the grounds, quite misses the point of the contract between the association and the city. While the grounds do belong to the city, which has a right to use them, at all times, except during the progres of an exhibition our correspondent is misinformed as to the association's charging a rental to the city the city grants their use to the fair association, not for the benefit of the prganization or the directors, but because of the beneficial result to the city which follows the largely attended annual exhibitions

Although these exhibitions advertise the State at large and are taken part in by many to the settlement of the submarine conimmediate and material advantage as well. Officers of the association state that it is the only institution of its size in the country to which the State does not contribute at all If for no other reason than its advertising value, the Finance Committee and the Council would seem to be just ned in their course in legiding the city's aid to the State Fair Association.

The man who says that after the ther mometer gets below zero a difference of ten degrees is not perceptible, is not as smart as he would like people to think him. By that time the sufferer is so stiff that he doesn't care how he feels or where the bulb is

## Academic Freedom

DROFESSOR SCOTT NEARING has prehas groved a reform. Before he was disc war misses from the University of Pennsylvania for totchings contrary to the opinions of the trustees, it was felt that academic freedom in the United States was menaced, but this now tamous case brought an acute realization of the danger and plans for relet The latest and fullest of these is compre-

hended in the report of the committee of the American Association of University Profes-The practical remedy suggested in this | the 'ads' Sport is the substitution of an investigation of experts in the case of a professor accused

restrained as wisdom will permit. The investigators who discover truth should be allowed to present the truth as they see it An occasional unbalanced professor may do sor e harm to a few individuals, but the evil of suct teaching is not to be compared to the effect of attempting to put the intellect of nation in strait-jackets. We need more light, not less, and our teachers should be encouraged in intellectual sincerity. Prussia to-day is a sad example of the results of using education to distort and then to crystallize the thought of a whole people.

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin has decided it is libelous to compare a man to Judas. This will not please Mr. Bryan, for Judas was a silver man, as a Washington wit once observed at a banquet when a speaker mentioned the name of the chief betrayer in his-

#### Jails and Good Roads

GOVERNOR STUART'S criticism of the practice of jailers in many of the cities and countles of the State of refusing to plac: at the disposal of the road authorities the number of prisoners the law contemplates is just and deserved, so far as it goes. If it i it, it, t. errs at all, it is on the side of moderation. The fact is that a combination of inadequate and inefficient law and official selfishness keeps hundreds of men in jail cells who should be at work on the roads, to their own good and the good of the Commonwealth.

There is no great mystery about this evil growth. Its root is the jailer's financial interest in the custody of prisoners. It gains strength from the practice, sanctioned by the law and followed by police magistrates and judges, of requiring a person convicted of crime to give bond for good behavior, and, when the defendant cannot find security, of committing him to jail for an additional term. Prisoners so committed become a charge on the State, and the jailer receives compensation from the State for their board and maintenance. Thus it becomes the jailer's interest to keep in confinement under his direction just as many of such prisoners as can be gathered together.

The Governor recommends legislation that will cure or minimize the wrong of employing prisoners, who should be on the roads, in work as cooks, waiters and the like within the jails. Such legislation doubtless would improve the situation, but to cure it the remedy must be more drastic. Misdemeanor offenders should be employed in useful work on the roads whenever physically capable of such labor. To keep them in Jail imposes an unnecessary expense on the State and an unnecessary hardship on the prisoners them-

City sergeants and county sheriffs should be deprived of whatever share of discretion in such matters is now confided to them under the law. If it is to their interest to keep their jails filled, it is too much to expect of ordinary human nature that this interest will always be sacrificed to considerations of the public good. They should have no benefit from the detention of any unfortunate. Their compensation should be fixed, and the purchase of supplies be attended to on behalf of the city or county, rather than in their individual capacity.

The very thought that it is to the private interest of any man to keep another man in jail is revolting to the conscience of this age. At some earlier period of the history of the State it was perhaps a convenient and economical method of providing for the confinement of offenders against the laws, but to day it is capable of defense on no ground whatever. The world has perceived its essential error, observed its invariable accom-

paniment of evil-and moved away from it. The Governor is too mild in his condemnation and not sufficiently comprehensive in his program of reform.

If we understand Billy Sunday's creed, it out of my allowance to pay for the car. is easier for a camel to crawl through a needle without humping its back than it is for a tightwad to get Billy's glad hand.

## In the Matter of the Persla

GERMANY and Austria both have disthe Peninsular and Oriental liner Persia. Each has advised the United States government that it has received reports from all of its submarine commanders now operating in the Mediterranean, and that all of them have repudiated the commission of this atrocity. This clears up the situation decidedly.

It is by no means certain that the Persia was sunk by a submarine. Although the horror occurred in broad daylight, no one of the survivors of the ship's company or the passengers saw a submarine anywhere about. either before or after the explosion. Some witnesses say they saw the wake of a torpedo. but as to this there is much possibility of honest error. It is quite conceivable and at variance with none of the known tacts that the explosion was internal, or that the vessel struck a floating mine.

Under the circumstances, it is not possible that this government could make an issue of the case of the Persia, for the sufficient reason that it lacks evidence to support a contention that Germany or Austria was responsible. Suspicion may endure, but it will not

troversy with the Teutonic powers. Had it been shown that, directly following the destruction of the Ancona and in the face as erument as of German and Austro Hungarlan assurances that submarine barbarities were to be abandoned, a Teuton submarine had sunk the Persia and slain an American consul, adjustment would have become exceedingly difheult. As matters stand, substantial conbefore may well be entertained.

To the Kaiser's affliction which keeps him in Berlin is added the chagrin of knowing that the French flag is fluttering over his summer home the Villa Achilleion at Corfu. He has sent a personal protest against the occupancy. The King of Belgium probably protested at the German occupancy of Brussels, but he had to take his medicine. Let

In its list of "Useless Noises" the Columbia Providence Journal, Captain Hobson, Tom-Schwimmer, the Patherland, Theodore. The esteemed State makes a good start, but if it means to get a complete roster, it will have to put on an extra page or two, or leave out

of tales teaching for immediate expulsion by a presidential nomination by the Republican It would not only be a distinction to decline convention, but it would save the choice a Academic freedom should be as un but of trouble and the chagrin of defeat.

## SEEN ON THE SIDE

Alphabetic Precautions. Though nearly every moralist Will mind his Q's and I's, He's distanced by the apiarist. Who also minds his B's

The sailor's time is largely spent In watching treach'rous C's, While no good golfer is content To overlook his T's.

### The Pessimist Says:

Faith in one's self is a worthy attribute, but it can be carried too far. For example, there was the man who felt sure he could fly and selected the roof of a twenty-story building as his point of departure.

## Shakespeare Day by Day.

. Our doubts are traitors. And make us lose the good we oft might win By fearing to attempt.

Measure for Measure, i. 2. "A lion among ladies is a most dreadful thing."- A Midsummer Night's Dream, ii. t. "Travelers must be content."-As You lake

#### Start of Some Proverbs.

The expression, "Poor as Job's turkey," has bothered, many who thought it was based on something in the Book of Job. They searched in vain. Judge Haliburton-the British-American humorist, Sam Slick-created Job's turkey from his own vivid imagination, describing the hird with only one feather in his tail and of so weak-kneed a constitution that he was obliged to lean against a fence to gobble

The door of success never opens to a man who can't find the keyhole.

"Did you tell Binks I could not tell the truth "Of course I didn't. I don't know what you could do if you tried."

### This One is Toothiess.

Dear Seen on the Side; Allow me to offer he following for the Jokes That Were collection: An old darky preacher, expounding the ereation of man, said that when the Almighty made man He made him out of the dust of the ground and sot him up against the fence to dry. A young negro in the amen corner piped up with the question, "Parson, who made de

#### Transportation in Broad Street Citizen (to chauffeur whose car he had barely

dodged) - Why don't you blow your horn, you tike-eved lubber? Chauffeur-Go to a nunnery, you mossback If you'd quit blowing your own horn in the

street you'd have heard mine.

When it is so cold that you have to wear earbobs and sink hot toddles into your stomach, it is no consolation to be told that the weather hasn't broken the record.

#### Guide Fears to Rush In.

"Say, Guide," said Newcomer to the Guide of not get a Job at the State House while the Assembly is in session?"

I could do. She observed thet, ez coal wuz purty high, I might offer to furnish hot air." "Well, what do you think of it?"

"I went up that an' looked over th' sittyaremarked when I ast his advice."

Hokus Figures don't lie

## As It Is Going.

Rheumatic Hubby -1 reckon you expect me to buy you an automobile. Patience tin the east chair) No, dearie it you will buy the gasoline, I'll skimp enough

## Deep-Sen Stuff.

The Commander that imbecile Gadgett basn't pressed my trousers "thwartships" instead of fore n'aft! London Opinion.

On Probibition's Eve. Grubbs Don't you believe in preparedness? Stabbs You but your life t do! You ought to see my cellar.

Not Reclaracal You should follow the scriptural injunction and love your neighbor as yourself."

#### "I do, but the education in Christian ethics of that little charmer must have been deficient."

Take the Blame Yourself. Keep out of trouble if you can For keeping out becomes a man; But if somehow you tumble in

## Gossip From "Down Home"

Don't blame another for your sin.

As Raleigh is taking that census on her own hook without outside assistance," says the Durham Heraid, "if she does not have it just us. he wants it, it will be her own fault?

Hannyer County, Va., had better look to her surels this year. The Lumberton Tribune says. We learn that the farmers around Pairmont are preparing to plant 1,000 acres in watermelons and cantaloupes this year."

"The sob society," says the High Point Enterprise, "has already begun working to save Mrs. well of the warning and protests of this gov- that Bail Warren from the electric chair. The indications are that Governor Craig will have to go through with something like Governor Slayton, of Georgia, did in the Frank case, except to a less degree, probably,

> This story comes from the Franklin Times "What was one of the most out of the ordinars occurrences that has ever happened in this secon was the borning of the log pen of E. N. Dent on Tuesday afternoon. From what we can learn, his daughter threw some ashes in the pen and it caught from them. The pen, together with a post that would weigh about forty or nfty pounds was consumed in only a few minutes.

Here is a record worth recording. It come. from the Bacford Journal, "John Dunk" Mc Laughlin, a gure enough progressive rolored farmer, who lives in films Springs township, is tions of the most successful farmers in Hohe County, or in the State, as to that the has sold ! State enumerates Henry A. Wise Wood, the paying all his debts, and has twelve bules still \$3,000 worth of cotton for each since he unished on hand, the made his wheat, onto, corn, pene Watson, Gus Gardner, Brother Hoarst, Mune, and has in abundance, also has a year's supply

A correspondent of the Smithheld Headl writes that paper: "It was no privilege the other day to visit the old battle grounds at fientime ville. The old trenches were still visible, the picket holes and here and there the remnant of an old scarred tree. This makes that locality extremely interesting to the student of history I wonder if it would not pay our students to tal. a trip to that blateric place and study

on the ground itself the last big battle of the

Talking about fish stories, how is this from the Morehead City Coaster? "More than 175,000 pounds of gray trout were caught Tuesday and Wednesday by local fishermen and brought to the Morchead City Sea-Food Company. The two largest catches in the lot were made by Captain Bonner Willis on Tuesday, when he, with his crew, caught about 70,000 pounds, and by Captain Randolph Willis's crew on Wednesday, when they caught about the same number of pounds. Because of the recent fish famine, not only here, but in Norfolk as well, a ready market was found for these fish, and many car load shipments were made from here Thursday and Friday. Hundreds of boxes were shipped to dealers all over the State."

The Blowing Rock correspondent of the Watauga Democrat grieves as follows: "It is a fact that the people of this town are poor churchgoers, thirty heads of families, by actual count, habitually absenting themselves from all religious services, not thirty couples, but thirty fathers, thus not only setting to their growing boys an unfortunate example, but doing the cause of 'spiritual uplift' an incalculable harm, The church bells ring every Sunday, but not more than sixty people, on the average of 300 inhabitants, attend church regularly, and many of them not at all, showing that these people have enough religion or want non-

## Chats With Virginia Editors

the Farmville Herald, "and would be glad to welcome the new post-office building, but has caught on to the watchful-waiting spirit of the President." Patience is a virtue worth possess ing, whether copied from the President or other-

A California man claims to have developed an apple that is both seedless and coreless, and when the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot heard about it, the suffering editor wisely commented thus "Our guess is that it tastes just about as much like a real apple as the insipid California orange tastes like the real simon-pure product grown in Florida.

Hadn't heard of the recent serious illness of the good lady who edits and conducts the Gordonaville Gazette until here, nearly a month after the big Christmas dinner, she writes Why is it that the things we like to eat are never good for us and the things we loathe are healthy and wholesome? There is nothing finer tastin' than the last slice of fruit cake.

school. The Tidewater Democrat exclaims, "Get busy, everybody, and boost the high school, You will be building for yourselves and for future generations. Do not let a few drops of cold water chill your interest and enthusiasm in this splendid undertaking. Here's to the Tappahannock school-with something that is not cold water!

Referring to a recent occurrence in Richmond, the Blackstone Courier says. "It is all right to discuss politics in a church meeting. Capitol Square, "here's a hunch for you: Why even to the point of nominating or discursing a candidate for political office, but all wrong to have any sort of politics in a good-roads meet "You must a bin talkin to wife. Thet's what ling, even the effeminate variety of woman sufshe opined, an' I ast her to nominate something frage. It is simply a question of the point

The Farmville correspondent of the Appoint tox Times-Virginian is supremely happy. He tion, an' I concluded that that wuz a likelihood writes. "It's a subject of profound satisfaction of too much competition. So one ov th' Jolonga to me that the hens of the good housewife with whom I am boarding have been laying right along all the fall and now that winter is on again. And another housewife said: 'My salad square is ready for cutting.' Spring invading winter and attended with its luxuries. Pity there is war anywhere in the world."

> the country, says the Halifax Record-Advertiser, "is not being felt in Halifax, because we have nothing to sell that is needed in the great European war. Tobacco cannot be used in the guns, nor can the soldlers eat or wear it. But old Halfax will cat, drink and be merry, all the same. In your merry moments try to The people of Reading, like people regulated any farms and darries. Every where else in the United States. I'll be dashed: it old Hallfax will cat, drink and he merry all induce your people to grow more of the things that will sell beyond the county limits - Richbeen preaching along that line for a time, and the demonstration men have done the same, but, shucks! some folks will not learn.—Hairfax Record-Advertiser.
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> tion for several years before the commission government law was passed Now they have acted on their information. Instead of sitting down and pinting because the magnificent hills surrounding the town were denuded of counding the town were denuded of Many Improvements Made. the demonstration men have done the same, but

## The Voice of the People

State Fult and City.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Six—1 notice that the Fulance Committee of
the City Council, ecommends the remission of
the city Council and Cutions to know what the
Mayor and the City Attorney will do while this
is being done. is being done.
The property muon which the fairs are held

is upon ground jurchased by the city at the request of the fair association. The agreement was that for ten years the fair association was was that for ten years the fair association was
to pay 4 per cent interest upon the cost of the
properly annually for its use, and after the use
of it for ten years the city should have a right
to take over the properly if it should so elect.
This properly is worth fully three or four times
what it cost the city and in the present conditions of our affairs are remission should be
countermined and if the city authorities would
to the times of the countermined. do their duty they would take summary action

do their duty they would take summary action in the matter.

The State Pair Association is controlled by a board of directors which is prestically a self-perpetualing affair. Have recoully read the report of the fair association, which is both illuminating and amusing in that they evidently claim assets and property which belong to the city of Hichmond.

I think that the fair business has been quite.

I think that the fair business has been quite a insure when we consider that the city has put more than 1100,000 into it, and it ought to be somebody saids to see that the contract made with the city should be carried out to the letter. In the present condition of the city s fluorees, there is certainly no justification for such waste of money while we have disposed streets to various parts of the city which are thorough fares. I say informed that on one or more occusions the city had need to use the grounds and buildings and was charged a cental by the fair association. ir association. Richmond January 24

Woman as a Lawbrenker.
To the Editor of the Times Dispetch
Sir. Anemy one subject. Woman in the
Electric Chair, you say, "while our chivalry
makes us about prefer persection of justice
to the execution of woman such a sentiment is
not in keeping with the welfare of society" and
further "as women chains a share in all the activities of life, she should not be exempt from
its possibles.

the permitting this old earth instituted its partitional form of government there has been until late years an almost quiversal sentiment against woman's claim to a share in all the activities of life, which sentiment also has not

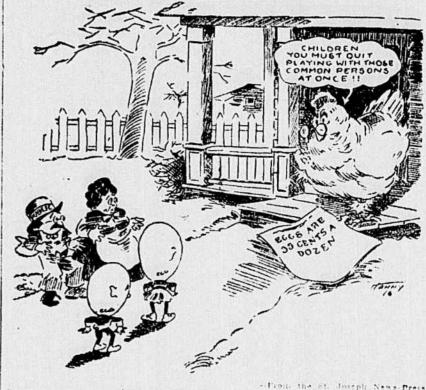
activities of life which scattment also has not been in heeping with the welfare of society. But should women's claim to share in all the activities of life should not in the writer's opinion make he amounted to its penalties, why not wait with chain materializes into an equal legal and political status? Then you will be better prepared for a logical discussion of the subject.

Littly women has an equal voice in the law-mating hody, she should not pay this penalty of any afainte she break.

Whenever the time comes that she will live under laws which she has discatty helped to their penalties and in the case of murder, if massible more so than none is for a woman whose dominant lessing to the conservation of the and know his price of the conservation of the and know his price of the conservation of the and know his with a far a woman whose dominant lessing to the conservation of the and know his great coast of as production, never latter life without being fully conscious of the conventy of the crime.

Historical time without being fully conscious of the conventy of the crime.

## Getting Into Society Now One of the Day's Best Cartoons.



### CITY COMMISSION GOVERNMENT AL-PREDERIC J. HASKIN.

READING, PA., January 22.-In plies were brought by contracts made

State was particularly cumbersome before the change, as is attested by the
fact that forty-two cities, having a
population of more than 16,000, had
remained boroughs rather than adopt
the clumsy municipal machinery provided by State have vided by State law.

pose of studying municipal reform.

The Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania prohibits special legislation, and this makes it impossible to pass a law which would leave the adoption of commission government eptiemal with the cities. If the change were going to be made, it would have to be a sweeping one, compelling all the cities of a certain class to change their form of government, After soveral years of agitation, such a law was passed in 1913. Twenty-nine cities of the third class, including all those in Pennsylvania except Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, were thus summarily placed under commission government in December, 1914.

Mayor and Four Commissioners, elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot. The other city officials with the exception of the commissioners, elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot. The other city officials with the exception of the commissioners, elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot. The other city officials with the exception of the commissioners, elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot. The other city officials with the exception of the commissioners, and controlled and provides for an initiative and no civil-service board.

This wholesale change has been emphatically a success. Under the new form of government, Reading has attained a new municipal efficiency, and what is more, a new municipal sprit. If you visit this city some June for example, you will wilness one of the most interesting displays of municipal with the regulations.

Yetzerturanan and the required and over-crowding prevented a new municipal sprit. If you visit this city some June for example, you will wilness one of the most interesting displays of municipal will the poor this contents.

The Pennsylvania law provides for the commission government is a superintent of parks and a superintent commission government is a superintent of parks and a superintent of parks for the commission government is another of the commission government is a superintent of parks for the commission government is the comm

tion for several years before the com- have a license. trees a generation ago by hungr lumbermen, they have undertaken the job bermen, they have undertaken the job

ing away forever the right to use more than 100 squares of asphalt, street and public spaces. Every street brick and macadam paving have been ear extension and every right for track laid. or siding granted by the commission. Such are the principal results of two is now limited to twenty-five years. Under the old system all city sup- Reading.

READING, PA., January 22.—In plies were brought by contracts made Pennsylvania commission government has been most theroughly tried, for it was imposed upon twenty-nine cities by an act of the State Legislature Reading is a typical example of how it has worked.

You should not get the idea, however, that commission government was forced upon the Pennsylvania cities without any initiative on their part. Municipal government in this State was particularly cumbersome bester the change of the commission of the commission, all purchases for the city are made and petty politics as an aftermath, with a good chance for no contract at all. Under the commission, all purchases for the city are made through a central purchasing office, for which one of the commissioners is discovered.

A council of thirty-two members was A council of thirty-two members was All of the Pennsylvania cities were awake to the disadvantages of the old system. As long ago as 1916, the was an independent health board, an independent health board, an independent water works commission population, held a convention at Williamsport, and organized as Allied and organized. population, held a convention at Williamsport and organized an Allied
Civic Bodies' Committee for the purpose of studying municipal reform.

The Constitution of the State of quarrels it often spent its time scrap

everywhere else in the United States, farmer who ships milk into the city, had been reading a lot about conserva- and every dairyman in town, must

of reforesting them. The city commission runs a nursery where young trace are raised, and every June the school children of Reading go out in the hills and plant them. Thousands study and plant them the supply has been failed and water rates have been reduced. Flans are being made for a minispal study to the hills and plant them. Thousands a supply has been failed and water rates have been reduced. the hills and plant them. Thousands of trees are planted every year, and by the time the school children of to-day are grandfathers and grandmothers, the hills, at the present rate, will again be beautifully would.

First Pleking I nder Old Fora.

Reading was rich and easy picking for railroads and street railroads under the self-control of garbage have thereby been reduced. The rates for public lighting have been cut 16 per cent. Muddy, instance of garbage have been payed and samilary alleys have been payed and the old form of government. The thir- sanitary alleys have been paved and the city fathers used to give ex. hundreds of connections with sewers clusive and perpetual feanchises to have been required. Viaducts across these who could muster control, throw- railroad tracks have been built and

### WHAT THE BRITISH FLEET HAS DONE A. C. Lant, in Review of Reviews

It is hard for the landsman to realize vasion. If that danger exists for the without any matched and greater is the danger pitched battle whatever.

It has been said that one single error in the fleet might end the history of England; yet men have asked it wonder and scepticism.—where is the fleet what is it doing? What is it doing? Where are those boasted monsters of mystery that slip in and out of the fog, the watch-dogs of the empire, bound wither and whence of the empire, bound wither and whence no man knows? Isn't this policy of acctory being maintained too rigidity?

We, the public, have paid the bill; and it has been a whale of a bill—11,000,000 in 1900 for Dreadnoughts, (1,500,000 in 1900 for Dreadnoughts plus some new within the large part and shorter than 500,000 for Great Britain, it has made safe the conveying of \$00,-000 borses. 12 700,000 in 1910 for super-Dreadnoughts supplies and munitions to the value of with such speed and hitting power as writibles to guns and plating and speed; the world has never before known. We've paid the bill and whooped huz- year and a half; so, though the mos zan, and trusted the fate of the empire is in progress, the remotest What's the fleet doing?

We have a right to know. Just what the fleet means to Eng. land is best appreciated when you remember that the German naval base is less than 375 miles from London, or ada wiles from the Firth of Forth which is the base for the English North Sea fleet. Put it another way time to reach England than it would take a New Yorker to hop on the train and reach Montreal. To be explicit, the fleets of the two greatest rival powers are only sixteen hours apart. Maxim says that a European nower could land 200,000 men on the Atlantic shores of the United States a month before a defensive force-naval land-could be mobilized to repel in-

that the silent pressure of sea power! United States-3,000 miles, or ten days, may decide the ultimate issue of the away from hostile base how much powers at war only sixten hours apart!

> one horses. It has insured the allies' liced the sea lanes of the world for a colossal war that ever shook the world

# outside the mined areas is safe as in

Retter Things. Better to love than be beloved, Though lonely all the day: Better the fountain in the heart Than the fountain by the way.

Better the thanks of one dear heart Than a nation's voice of praise; Better the twilight ere the dawn Than yesterday's midblaze,

Better a death when work is done Than earth's most favored birth; Better a child in God's great house Than the King of all the earth,

-Leigh Hunt